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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-22 at 1230 hours.

The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

EMERGENCIES ACT

On 2022-02-21, the House of Commons voted in support of the government's invocation of the Emergencies Act. Social media messaging has been identified releasing the names of Members of Parliament (MPs) who voted in support of the government's action. Additionally, the OPP has been advised of threats received by one MP as the measure was under debate and an attempted arson at the office of another since the vote was taken.

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- Police in Ottawa have removed some checkpoints around the downtown core and decreased the size of the "red zone".

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OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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- Open source research has identified the following:
 - A video on a social media page in the name of “colinbigbearross” in which a male states that the protestors are setting up to regroup. He states that they have spoken to the owner of the land, the convoy lawyers and all of the organizers. He states that they are setting up a staging area 5-7 kilometers south of Arnprior just outside of Ottawa and he invites people to join them there if they need anything. He also states that they will be figuring out their logistics and moving forward from there.
 - An online video by THE CRACKPOT FARMER in which he states that the energy has not been “squashed” and the truck drivers are not done fighting yet. He also states that the “fire” has spread to the rest of the country.
 - Media reporting indicates that a senator from Nova Scotia was obliged to apologize as a result of a video of him praising the people at the Ottawa blockade went on line. In the video, the senator criticized Ottawa residents for calling on the protestors to leave the city. He thanked the individual filming him for his courage and decency in coming to Ottawa.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) continues to monitor for future protests.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- TPS continues to monitor open sources for relevant information.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

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PEACE BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):

- Nothing new to report.

LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:

- Nothing new to report.

NORTHWEST REGION:

- OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- OPP reporting indicates that a Member of Parliament for the New Democratic Party received at least two threatening phone calls on 2022-02-20 that could be interpreted as death threats.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research has identified a freedom convoy in Brantford scheduled for today at 1300 hours meeting at Mohawk Park (*see Appendix: Anticipated Events*).
- Open source research has identified a Freedom of Choice Rally at Hamilton City Hall today at 1400 hours (*see Appendix: Anticipated Events*).

OTHER

- Open source research has identified a "Declaration of Freedom of the Canadian People" dated 2022-02-20. In it, the authors declare that they are expropriating the "power of the federal government of Canada" and call on the Canadian Armed Forces to "restore constitutional rule in Canada." The letter also calls for the arrest of Ottawa Police Service Interim Police Chief BELL and for all police services to "immediately cease repression of peaceful protestors". The letter also requests the United Nations Security Council to meet on an urgent basis regarding the violations of human rights in Canada. A second

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letter addressed to AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL requests that all persons arrested at the Ottawa blockade be deemed “prisoners of conscience”. Both documents bear numerous (illegible) signatures, however the author(s) of the documents are unknown.

- Peel Regional Police (PRP) has reported an arson at the office of Liberal MP Peter FONSECA that occurred in the early morning of 2022-02-22. A note had been placed on the office door, but was illegible due to water damage. PRP advised that an incendiary device may have been thrown through the office window, and that the lenses of on-site security cameras had obscured by spray paint.
- Open source research has identified an Open Letter to Parliament on Freedom Convoy 2022 letterhead in which the authors express their shock at the “violence unleashed upon our Prime Minister’s political opponents”. The letter states that the Prime Minister’s framing the protest as an illegal occupation established the “pretext for state sanctioned oppression.” It continues to frame the blockade and the protestors as peaceful. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are noted as press contacts on the bottom of the letterhead.
- Open source research identified a video on a Facebook page in the name of [REDACTED] in which a male records what appears to be a staging area with numerous commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles and tents. He claims that there are hundreds of people there, and criticized Global News for giving away their position. He also states that Prime Minister TRUDEAU will be out of power in the morning through a vote of non-confidence and they will “figure it out”. He emphasizes that the main issue is that TRUDEAU will be “gone” and says “let’s get this done”. The context of his comments suggests that the video was recorded in the evening of 2022-02-21.
- The Niagara Regional Police Service has reported that a convoy returning from Ottawa arrived in the region in the evening of 2022-02-21. Dense crowds attended in support of the convoy, and traffic was obstructed.
- The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) also reports receiving an email on 2022-02-21 that includes images from the police enforcement at the Ottawa blockade. The author writes that the images and videos have been seen all over the world, and accuses the SQ of trying to suppress the images in order to control the reporting and keep the population in ignorance. The writer compares the “violence” used by police against the protestors to that used by men to “brutalize” women.
- Media reporting indicates that on 2022-02-19, convoy protestors at the legislature in Winnipeg, Manitoba, stated that they would not move until they get a meeting with the Prime Minister. The reporting notes that the blockade of the main street leading to the Manitoba Legislative Building is entering its third week. A spokesman for the group reportedly indicated that he is disappointed with the police actions in Ottawa.
- Open source research has identified an interview of [REDACTED] on FOX NEWS. VIZI was previously reported as being in possession of a piece of body armour and handing out cash to drivers at the Ottawa blockade (*Project HENDON SIT REP 042-2022 dated 202-02-13 and 043-2022 dated 2022-02-14*). Open source research also identified messaging on VIZI’s social media as the enforcement action in Ottawa was underway that expressed anti-police sentiments and suggested that he may have intended to enact a threat against police.

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The interview on FOX was shared on social media under the username “@BJdichter” ([REDACTED]).



gettr.com/post/pw1j1w684e



In the video, [REDACTED] says that he was assaulted by police even though he gave himself up for arrest without resistance. [REDACTED] says that police broke his body but not his spirit. The host, Tucker CARLSON, notes that

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█████ lived under the █████ regime in Romania and asked █████ if he ever expected this in the “formerly free nation of Canada”. █████’s response is that it is impossible to live in Canada any more.

- Open source research has identified social media messaging regarding a PEOPLE’S CONVOY in the United States. An online map depicting various convoys indicates that some may begin at points close to the Canadian border, such as Buffalo (across the border from Fort Erie) and Watertown (southeast of Kingston) and two locations south of Montreal. The date of the protest is not noted.
- Open source research identified an image on the Facebook page for FREEDOM CONVOY 2022 TIME TO TAKE BACK CANADA that allegedly depicts a “Stand For Canada” march on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City.



ASSESSMENT

The available information indicates that “freedom convoy” protests will continue for the foreseeable future. It is likely that some protests will occur with little or no warning as organizers move from public online venues to alternative communication platforms that are difficult or impossible for law enforcement to monitor. The content of the online letter to AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL and the “Declaration of Freedom” suggest that the authors are supporters of the freedom movement and the Ottawa blockade. Both documents underscore the ideological nature of the movement and an apparent intent of some of its supporters to install an alternate government through the use of the Canadian military.

Support from public officials, as well as attention gained through interviews on US conservative media platforms, is highly likely to energize the freedom movement and validate its anti-government and anti-authority ideologies, thereby encouraging future protests.

Perceived successes, such as the ouster of Erin O’TOOLE as the federal Conservative leader; the lifting of COVID-19 mandates and restrictions in some provinces; the resignation of former Ottawa Police Chief Peter SLOLY ; and the invocation of the Emergencies Act - which some protestors have framed as exposing the corrupt and authoritarian nature of the government - will also encourage future actions. As previously reported, a number of participants at the Ottawa blockade have stated an intention to continue to fight against government-imposed restrictions: they have indicated that the Ottawa blockade is just the beginning and at least one has noted that fighting against regulations intended to combat climate change will be the next step (*Project HENDON SITREPs 044-2022 dated 2022-02-15 and 047-2022 dated 2022-02-18*).

The perceived success of the blockades and associated protests also likely increases the potential for a range of actors who believe, for any reason, that they have been aggrieved or who are seeking attention, to decide to enact a threat.

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Additionally, the Ottawa blockade continues to inspire protests elsewhere in Ontario, Canada and the United States. Any such actions elsewhere are highly likely to encourage protestors in Canada to organize and carry out future actions.

The available information continues to indicate that some protestors are more focused on overturning the Liberal government than on public health requirements related to COVID-19. The disruption of the blockade in Ottawa is likely to have reinforced anti-government ideologies rather than mitigated them.

Elected officials and law enforcement may be at increased risk of harassment, intimidation, and physical harm as a result of the enforcement in Ottawa and the vote supporting the invocation of the Emergencies Act. The possibility that further acts of mischief will occur against constituency offices and, possibly, at residences of public officials, cannot be excluded. The circulation of images of police assisting the enforcement in Ottawa appears to be fuelling anti-police sentiment and conspiracy theories. They may represent an officer safety threat.

Ongoing local protests, convoys, civil disobedience, and, possibly, acts of mischief against government facilities at all levels are highly likely. It is likely that critical infrastructure, such as major highways and roadways, border crossings, bridges, airports and railways will be targeted for disruption in the medium term.

In the short term, protests and acts of mischief may be conducted asymmetrically to keep law enforcement reactive and to strain law enforcement resources. Acting asymmetrically and employing irregular tactics may also serve to insulate organizers and threat actors from law enforcement.

The possibility of centrally organized protests, civil disobedience, or acts of mischief occurring in the medium and long term cannot be excluded.

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Appendix: Anticipated Events

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
24-Feb-22	1700 hrs	Eastcoast Hold Line	Location: Big Stop Restaurant at 2870 Route 1, Rothesay, NB Meet at 1700 hrs for departure at 1800 hrs to Ottawa Organizer was involved in recent protests in Ottawa 1 Going, 18 Interested

TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK			
CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
Daily	1200 hrs	Convoy for Freedom Toronto	Meet in the North Park at 1200 hrs March to begin at 1400 hrs Route: Avenue – Bloor – Yonge – Queen – Spadina – College – Queen's Park Cres E This group intends on doing this everyday going forward.
26-Feb-22	U/K	Toronto Freedom March	Toronto Freedom March posted on Convoy for Freedom Toronto Facebook Page March on Saturday [26 Feb 22] Attendance unknown

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WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
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ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	1530 hrs	Bake Sale for the Freedom Fighter Defence	• 4810 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

OTHER AREAS / EVENTS			
OTHER EVENTS - WEEK OF 21 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
Week of 21 Feb 2022	Canada	FREEDOM WEEK	Week of 21 Feb 2022 Organizers associated to the Ottawa truck convoy are encouraging individuals to participate in a week of civil disobedience

OTHER EVENTS - TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1300 hrs	Mohawk Park, Brantford	Brantford Freedom Convoy	Meet: 1300 hrs at Upper Lot of Mohawk Park Depart: 1330 hrs Unknown Route Unknown participants
U/K	Canadian Embassy GM Building Detroit, Michigan, USA	US-CAN freedom alliance PART 2	Potential protest at Canadian Embassy in Detroit, MI. Unknown #'s attending.

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OTHER EVENTS - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Hawkesbury / L'Original	Support Protest for those arrested in Ottawa	*rescheduled from 21 Feb 22* Support protest in Hawkesbury for those arrested in Ottawa. Group will join the planned protest at the CSDCEO school board in L'Original

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
1400 hrs	Hamilton City Hall	FREEDOM OF CHOICE RALLY	Guest speakers: [REDACTED] from People's Party of Canada and friends
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022

OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 05 MARCH 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs	Canada	Freedom Chain Across Canada	Freedom Chain across Canada to take place on Trans-Canada Highway 2 groups lead social media groups: • Freedom Chain 2022 – Original Group • Freedom Chain 2022 – Official Main Group - o 5,700 members - o 496 joining in Ontario

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OTHER EVENTS - EARLY/MID-MARCH 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
Various	Washington DC, USA	Several convoys to Washington DC, USA	Several trucker convoys are expected to converge on Washington DC in early to mid-March. Disruptions to traffic expected on major roadways beginning 23 Feb 2022. Major disruptions anticipated in the Washington DC area from 05-07 March 22. May impact the Canadian Diplomatic Mission located at 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC.

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